

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9, 11 and 19-20 are pending in the present application, with Claim 1 being the sole independent claim. Claims 10 and 12-18 are cancelled herein without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that Claim 10 contains allowable subject matter. Claim 1 is amended herein to incorporate the feature of cancelled Claim 10. Claim 19 is amended herein to depend only from Claim 1.

Claims 1, 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by Lee et al. (EP 1 231 245 A1). Claims 12-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by Patterson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,732,786). Claims 2-5, 7-9 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly obvious over Lee et al. in view of Patterson et al. Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly obvious over Lee et al. in view of Kurabayashi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,985,975). Claim 18 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly obvious over Patterson et al. in view of Lee et al.

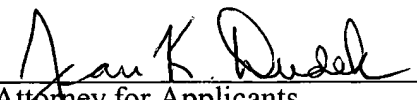
Without conceding the propriety of any of these rejections, to expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended the application so that all pending claims include the feature of allowable Claim 10. The rejections are now moot and should be withdrawn. Applicants submit that the present invention is patentably defined by independent Claim 1. The dependent claims are allowable for the same reasons as Claim 1, as well as for the patentable features recited therein. Individual consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully solicited.

The present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration, withdrawal of the Section 102 and 103 rejections set forth in the Office Action, and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Applicants submitted an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on November 26, 2003, with one page of Form PTO-1449 attached. A copy of this IDS, including the PTO-1449 form, and the date-stamped postcard for it, are enclosed herewith.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

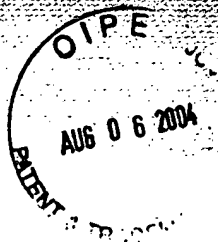
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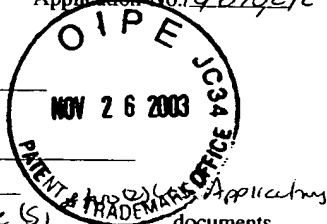
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. In accordance with the pre-OG Notice dated July 11, 2003, entitled "Information Disclosure Statements May Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications in Patent Applications filed after June 30, 2003," only copies of the listed foreign documents and unpublished U.S. applications are enclosed.

A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English documents may be found in the specification at pages 2-4. Also, Applicants have obtained English language

abstracts for the non-English patent documents and attached them to their respective copies.

English language counterparts, if readily available, are also listed on the Form PTO-1449.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. applications.

<u>APPLN. NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>GAU</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
10/662,282	September 16, 2003	Yoichi TAKADA, et al.	unassigned	pending
10/661,969	September 15, 2003	Yasuhiro NITO, et al.	unassigned	pending

FORMAL MATTERS


In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Official Action on the merits of the subject application has not yet been issued, neither a certificate, petition nor payment of a fee is believed to be required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the listed information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	2003/0018120 A1	01/23/2003	Lee et al.	524	543	
	2002/0012629 A1	01/31/2002	Yoshino et al.	423	625	
	6,500,525 B1	12/31/2002	Ogino et al.	428	195	
	6,188,850 B1	02/13/2001	Sakaki et al.	399	1	
	5,962,124	10/05/1999	Yoshino et al.	428	328	
	5,869,177	02/09/1999	Yoshino et al.	428	328	
	5,851,654	12/22/1998	Yoshino et al.	428	328	
	5,846,647	12/08/1998	Yoshino et al.	428	328	
	5,800,916	09/01/1998	Yoshino et al.	428	328	
	5,635,291	06/03/1997	Yoshino et al.	428	304.4	
	5,620,793	04/15/1997	Yoshino et al.	428	342	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
JP 2002-254796 A	09/11/2002	Japan			Abstract and U.S. Counterpart
JP 2001-158092 A	06/12/2001	Japan			Abstract
JP 2000-225695 A	08/15/2000	Japan			Abstract
JP 10-315448 A	12/02/1998	Japan			Abstract
JP 7-232475 A	09/05/1995	Japan			Abstract and U.S. Counterparts

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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